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The Wishart House is an extraordinary survival of seventeenth-century medieval design and has remained relatively untouched by time. The combination of steep gable roof, massive T-shaped chimneys with their steep tiled splays and belt courses, English bond brickwork above and below the beveled water table, glazed headers on the gable end following the rake of the roof, segmental arched entranceways, and brick corbels at either end of the eaves produce a structure with an undeniable seventeenthcentury feeling. The flat arches over the windows, however, would tend to place it in the latter half of the seventeenth century. Under the long monitor shed dormers are three older dormers which are probably not original. Originally, the house probably had dormers as indicated in the interior by the Jacobean staircase, later enclosed, with its turned balusters and square newel post -- an elaborate feature not used on homes having an unlighted second level. (There is no indication of gable end windows). The two-room plan has the stair in the south room at the northeast corner and two large mantels, the north one retaining its distinctive bolection moldings. The center wall has wide horizontal boards, now covered by layers of paint and wallpaper. Unfortunately a brick rear ell has been added, but even when combined with the altered dormers and the removal of some of the interior trim, it must be said that the Wishart House is one of the most valuable and complete landmarks

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.,

The Wishart House is an extraordinary survival of seventeenth-century medieval design. It is one of the oldest brick houses remaining in the United States and is among the few seventeenth century Virginia houses to retain a significant portion of its original interior woodwork. The house is built on land sold by Adam Thorowgood to William Richerson in 1653 who, in turn, sold the property to James Wishart in 1673. It is difficult to establish whether Richerson or Wishart built the house but the building appears to have been erected in the latter half of the seventeenth century. The property remained in the hands of the Wishart family until 1795 when Thomas Wishart and his wife, Porcia, sold it to William Boush whose family was to inherit the house for several generations.

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